(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र ने कितना-कितना लाभ अर्जित किया अथवा उसे घाटा हुआ ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान, अप्रैल, 1992 से 17 जुलाई, 1992 तक की अवधि में बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा उत्पादित कच्चे लोहे की विभिन्न किस्म की कुल मात्रा का श्रेणीवार ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है:—

श्रेणी	इकाई (टन)
हाई सिलिकॉन	1515
फाउण्डरी ग्रेड	8394
स्टैण्डर्ड बेसिक ग्रेड	15036
ऑफ ग्रेड	18740
कुल :	43685

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा अर्जित लाभ निम्नानुसार है :—

वर्ष	लाभ (करोड़ रुपये)
1989–90	253.82
1990–91	179.57
1991–92	231.64 (अनन्तिम)

Hike in Steel Price

1729. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Engineering Industries of India has urged Government to direct SAIL and TISCO to withdraw the recent hike in prices;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether the price of steel is increasing in the country since its decontrol; and

(d) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take to check the rise in prices of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Federation of Engineering Industries has represented against the increase in steel prices by the main producers including the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO).

(b) and (c) After deregulation of prices of steel w.e.f. 16-1-92, the integrated steel plants became free to determine and announce the prices of their products. However, prices were increased by them only in May, 1992 to meet the escalations in input costs. The impact of this price increase on open market prices has not been significant.

(d) Delicensing of the iron and steel sector and decontrol of steel prices will provide the requisite environment for the creation of new capacities in the private sector. Import duties on raw materials for the steel industry have also been reduced. As a result, there will be higher produtcion of steel and greater competitiveness in the steel industry which will have a restraining influence on steel prices.

Setting up of Steel Plants

1730. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any plan to set up more integrated steel plants in the country either in Public Sector or Private Sector during the 8th Five Year Plan period;